

Conference on
*«How does Artificial
Intelligence challenge
our traditional
understanding of legal
reasoning?»*

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Programme

Thursday, 27 August 2026

08:30 – 08:45

Welcome & Opening Remarks

08:45 – 09:30

Keynote: Christoph Engel

Panel 1: AI and Judicial Decision-Making

09:30 – 09:45

Christina Dimitropoulou

AI automation and tax administration's discretion

09:45 – 10:00

Jahangir Badar

Generative AI Hidden Probabilities and Doctrinal Reasoning in Indian Real Estate Law

10:00 – 10:45

Discussion

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 11:30

Tathagat Sharma

Proportionality as Bayesian Optimisation: What Language AI Reveals About the Hidden Formal Structure of Constitutional Reasoning*

11:30 – 11:45

Benjamin Genta

Outsourcing Similarities: How AI is Creating Legal Analogies

11:45 – 12:30

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

Panel 2: Legal Interpretation & Reasoning

13:30 – 13:45

Amit Haim

Reasoning and Reason-giving in AI and Law

13:45 – 14:00

Désirée Klingler

Large Language Models and Legal Discretion in the Space of Reasons

14:00 – 14:15

Shira Gur-Arieh

LLMs and the Collapse of Legal Indeterminacy*

14:15 – 15:00

Discussion

15:00 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 15:45
Daniel Schwarcz

Artificial Intelligence and Human Legal Reasoning*

15:45 – 16:00
Murtaza Mohiqi

When Text Interprets Itself: Legal Hermeneutics in the Age of Generative AI*

16:00 – 16:15
Jed Stiglitz

The Predictable Court*

16:15 – 17:00

Discussion

17:00 – 19:30

Drinks & Snacks

Friday, 28 August 2026

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Keynote: Joel Niklaus

Panel 3: Risks, Limits & Normative Challenges

09:15 – 09:30
Zarja Hude

Legal Reasoning as AI Design Principle: A Neuro-Symbolic Approach

09:30 – 09:45
Manuela Londoño

Choosing how to interpret: An agent design approach to the meta-rules of legal interpretation

09:45 – 10:30

Discussion

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Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:15
Michael Sierra

Algorithmic Inequality as Epistemic Exclusion: Artificial Intelligence, Legal Reasoning, and Vulnerability in Public Administration*

11:15 – 11:30
Vlada Druta

On the concept of legal relevance in case law search: A judicial perspective

11:30 – 11:45
Zhivko Taushanov

Key Cases at the ECtHR: An Empirical Investigation of Importance Predictors and Citation Patterns

11:45 – 12:30

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

Panel 4: Empirical & Technical Approaches

13:30 – 13:45
Sebastian Nagl

Replicating LEXam on German First State Exam-Style Essay Cases to Probe the “Statistical” Face of Legal Reasoning

13:45 – 14:00

Ali Hamza Bashir

Domain-Adaptation through Synthetic Data:
Bridging Statistical Mimicry and Legal
Grounding in German Law

14:00 – 14:15

Stefanos Papastavrou

Is Law Structurally Computable? AI as
Statistical Mirror of Legal Reasoning

14:15 – 15:00

Discussion

15:00 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 15:45

Daniel F. Bracker

Should the Legal Concept of Speech Include
Chatbot Output?

15:45 – 16:00

Shivam Saran / Eric Posner

Artificial Appellate Courts

16:00 – 16:15

Michael Lissack

Beyond Mimicry: Second-Order Observa-
tions on What Language AI Reveals About
Legal Reasoning*

16:15 – 17:00

Discussion

17:00 – 17:15

Closing Remarks

* Online presentations

Speakers

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